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## 5/7 Cav clear the room



Pfc. Jared Eastman

**Soldiers of 5/7 Cavalry, Crazy Horse Troop, infiltrate a shoot house full of pop-up targets, July 21. See story Page 13A.**

## Sec Army final stop to say 'thanks'

**Sgt. Johnathon Jobson**  
3rd ID Public Affairs

During his last official trip as Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Pete Geren stopped by to express his thanks to Soldiers and Army Families here, Aug 3.

"Above all else, thank you. We have a tiny percent of America that is carrying the burden for 300 million Americans, and the 3rd Infantry Division has done more than its fair share," said Geren.

The Secretary focused on visiting Soldiers as well as some of the new facilities that earned Fort Stewart the 2009 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

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## Army Stop-loss ending January

**Randy Murray**  
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers and their Family Members who could be affected by the U.S. Army's Stop-Loss Program may be relieved to know the program will end Jan. 1, according to Lt. Col. Stephen K. Aiton, 3rd Infantry Division chief of personnel. He emphasized the program only affects those Soldiers who were planning to separate from the Army at the end of their enlistment or those who have been approved for retirement.

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## 2HBCT Soldier given Purple Heart

**Spc. Dustin Gautney**  
2HBCT Public Affairs

A Desert Rogue Soldier received the nation's oldest active award, the Purple Heart, in front of Family, friends and fellow Soldiers during a ceremony held at Fort Stewart's Marne Garden, July 27.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Gorsuch, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, received the Purple Heart due to injuries sustained when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while on a route clearly mission in Iraq.

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## Victory Shoppette reopens

**Randy Murray**  
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Fort Stewart's Victory Shoppette reopened with fanfare that included balloons, coupons, giveaways and a ribbon cutting, starting at 8 a.m., July 31. Vina Nunez, Victory Shoppette store manager, and Tina Lovitt, Army and Air Force Exchange Services general manager for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield were assisted with the ribbon cutting by Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, garrison command sergeant major.

According to Lovitt, the original June 30 reopening was delayed due to heavy rains. She said the overall cost of the renovation was \$1.4 million. The new facility, located at Stewart's Frank Cochran Dr. and William H. Wilson Ave., includes 24 new gas pumps, which were not in operation at the time of Friday's grand re-opening because the gas

tanks needed to be refilled. Lovitt said the tanks had to be refilled and inspected. The pumps began operating Aug. 5.

In addition to lots of specials going on inside the store and food vendors set up in the shoppette parking lot, also on hand for the grand opening was Roger C. Brown, Sr., AAFES Driver of the Year (CONUS) for 2008, and Wayne Langhorne, his driving partner. Brown has logged over 2.6 million accident-free miles with AAFES carrier Dan Daniel Terminal. He has been an AAFES employee for 32 years and a driver for 31 years. A Marine and National Guard veteran, the 52-year-old Brown now serves as a goodwill ambassador for AAFES, traveling throughout the country.

"We serve the best customers in the world, and I work for the best company in the world," said Brown as he and Langhorne posed for a photo opportunity in front of their colorful 18-wheeler.



Randy Murray

**Vina Nunez, Victory Shoppette store manager; Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, Stewart-Hunter garrison command sergeant major; and Tina Lovitt, general manager for AAFES Stewart-Hunter, pause before cutting the ribbon, officially opening the newly renovated Victory Shoppette, July 31.**



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GEREN

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Upon arrival to Hunter Army Airfield, Geren met Soldiers of the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, followed by Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), as they conducted helicopter maintenance. The Soldiers spoke with the Secretary about their work and their preparations for upcoming deployments.

"By and large, our Army comes down to these individual Soldiers and their Family Members standing with them," Geren said. "They have done an extraordinary job for our country and continue to do so."

The Secretary then flew to Fort Stewart with Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division, where he received a tour of the Corkan Family Recreation Area. The teen recreation center, the newest improvement, was funded by Army Community of Excellence money and is a direct result of Fort Stewart's commitment to the Army Family Covenant.

The Army Family Covenant is a program to help fund quality of life improvements for Army Families that was signed into effect last year by Secretary Geren, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George Casey, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston.

The Secretary's next stop was lunch with noncommissioned officers from 3rd ID at the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team dining facility, followed by a closed-door sensing session with Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit.

Geren explained that he sought the Soldiers' views about the Warrior Transition Program and their insights into how to improve the program.

The Secretary then received a tour of Fort Stewart housing areas, both old and new.

The day's final activity was a Gold Medal of Remembrance Ceremony, held at Warriors Walk, to honor the Families of Staff Sgt. Darris Dawson and Staff Sgt. Ronald Phillips.

Both Soldiers were killed in combat while serving with 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th

Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Secretary Geren gently placed gold medals around the necks of the children and shared a few thoughts with each one.

Prior to his departure, Geren reflected about his time as Secretary of the Army and the experience of working with Soldiers.

"It has been the privilege of a lifetime to work for these Soldiers and their Families," Geren said. "They are extraordinary people, extraordinary men and women, who have answered the nation's call in this time of war. That sets those young men and women apart from most Americans. I am going to miss them."



Sgt. Johnanthon Jobson

**Honorable Pete Geren pays respect to 7-year-old Jalen Phillips during the Gold Medal Remembrance Ceremony to honor the Families of Staff Sgt. Ronald Phillips and Staff Sgt. Darris Dawson. Staff Sergeant Phillips and Staff Sgt. Dawson were killed in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom V.**



Photos by Spc. Monica K. Smith

**ABOVE: Colonel Don Galli, commander of the 3rd CAB, and Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Pete Geren listens while Lt. Col. Thomas VonEschenbach, commander, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd CAB, 3rd ID, discusses the various tasks accomplished by the Kiowa Warrior, Aug. 3 at the flight line on Hunter Army Airfield.**

**LEFT: Captain Jon Guinn (right), commander, B Co, 2-3 Avn., 3rd CAB, 3rd ID talks with Secretary of the Army, Honorable Pete Geren (left) while inside a Chinook, Aug. 3 at the flight line on Hunter Army Airfield.**

This week in Marne History:

Maj Gen Robert Soule Becomes 3rd ID CG in Korean War

**Dr. Judith Brown**  
Fort Stewart Museum

Fifty-nine years ago this week, early in the Korean War, the 3rd infantry Division was awaiting its new commander. Major General Robert H. "Shorty" Soule had been appointed its commanding general and would take command on Aug. 10, 1950 of a unit with major problems. The division had only 5,179 men, less than one-third its authorized strength; it also lacked two infantry battalions, a tank battalion and a field artillery battalion. But General MacArthur wanted the 3rd ID in Korea. So, despite opposition from the Army G-3, who said the 3rd ID would reach it "untrained and worthless for combat," the 3rd ID was going.

To build the 3rd ID "to a semblance of operational strength" the Army had already zeroed out the 30th Infantry—dividing its personnel between the 7th and the 15th Infantry Regiments—and assigned the fully-staffed 65th Infantry from Puerto Rico to the Division. Overseeing the buildup, integrating a non-white regiment into the all-white infantry division, and making the division combat-ready, were Soule's first tasks. Then he would have to fight in the War. Only Maj. Gen. Dickman, the

Division's first commander, had faced such daunting tasks. Like Maj. Gen. Dickman, Maj. Gen. Soule performed them brilliantly.

Born in February 1900, Maj. Gen. Soule had experienced difficult missions before. As a lieutenant, he was assistant military attaché in the 1930s in war-torn China. As Col. Soule, he commanded the 188th Glider Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division in the Leyte and Luzon invasions in the Philippines in World War II. He received the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart when the 188th GIR spearheaded the push to Manila. He also led the 188th in a raid that liberated over 2,000 military and civilian internees at Los Baños in February 1945, while preventing the 8,000-man Japanese 8th Tiger Division from counterattacking as the prisoners were evacuated. Soule was promoted to brigadier general in April 1945 and was deputy CG of the 11th Airborne Division from 1946-49. After spending a year as military attaché to Nationalist China, he was now Maj. Gen. Soule and the 3rd ID's CG.

Major General Soule started by having the new 3rd ID Soldiers begin training immediately and continue training on the ships going to Japan. By

the end of August, Gen. Mark Clark, Chief of Army Field Forces, thought the 3rd ID was 40 percent combat-ready and expected it to be fully ready by mid-November. By then, the 65th Infantry, already in Korea, had participated in the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter in southeast Korea. The rest of the division joined the 65th near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Then the Chinese entered the War and X Corps had to retreat to the port of Hungnam in December 1950. Major General Soule, who now received his second DSC, led the 3rd ID as it covered the withdrawal of the 1st Marine Division and elements of the 7th Infantry Division "so successfully that the enemy was continuously beaten back from the beachhead;" 105,000 troops, 91,000 Korean refugees and over 250,000 tons of supplies and equipment were saved and the rest of the supplies and the port destroyed by 3rd ID Soldiers as they left Hungnam on Christmas Eve.

They arrived back in Pusan on New Year's Day, 1951; by March 15 the 3rd ID had retaken Seoul. When Soule left the Division in October 1951, 14 months after he had arrived, the 3rd ID had retaken territory up to the 38th Parallel and the Iron Triangle. Soule

was destined for higher command, but he tragically died of a heart attack in January 1952. He had earned two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, and two Bronze Stars besides his two DSCs. He had also proved the 3rd ID was never "worthless for combat."



Courtesy Photo

**Major General John W. O'Daniel, I Corps commanding general presents Maj. Gen. Soule with an award.**



# Soldiers learn water survival skills



**Spc. Amanda McBride**  
4th IBCT Public Affairs

Imagine you are on a dismounted night foot patrol around a canal when all of a sudden you feel the ground give way. You land in the dark water with all your gear and have a few precious seconds to react. Would you know what to do?

For Soldiers in Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, they were not only shown what to do, they now know how to survive if in that situation.

More than 60 Soldiers from HHC, 4th IBCT, participated in a Combat Water Survival Course to familiarize themselves with water egress procedures, July 31.

During the training, Soldiers learn how to swim with gear, tread water with gear and also how to ditch gear.

"(The training) is important because in a combat situation, your vehicle could roll over into a river, and it teaches you how to ditch all your gear, swim out and possibly save your (battle buddy)," said Sgt. Ernest Montgomery, Combat Water Survival Course instructor.

As Soldiers prepare for their next deployment, water survival courses help prepare Soldiers for any possible scenario they may encounter while deployed.

Training like this helps build

confidence in Soldiers skills, said 1st Sgt. Charles White, HHC first sergeant.

As the Vanguard Brigade continues its transition from a light infantry brigade, Soldiers are training in some skills not previously trained in.

"Light infantry patrols are the norm but not likely for all our people to do that," 1st Sgt. White said. "But at least with familiarity, if they are ever in that situation, they'll know how to react."

Though set in a pool, Soldiers gain useful skills and develop the knowledge on how to survive in the water.

"It's a controlled environment being in a pool, a lot different than being in a pond," 1st Sgt. White said. "So, while it may seem clinical in concept, it was still a great opportunity for the crawl phase and to get orientation."

Private First Class Donte Hill, a terrain analyst in HHC, said the training was a way to test Soldiers ability in the water with their equipment.

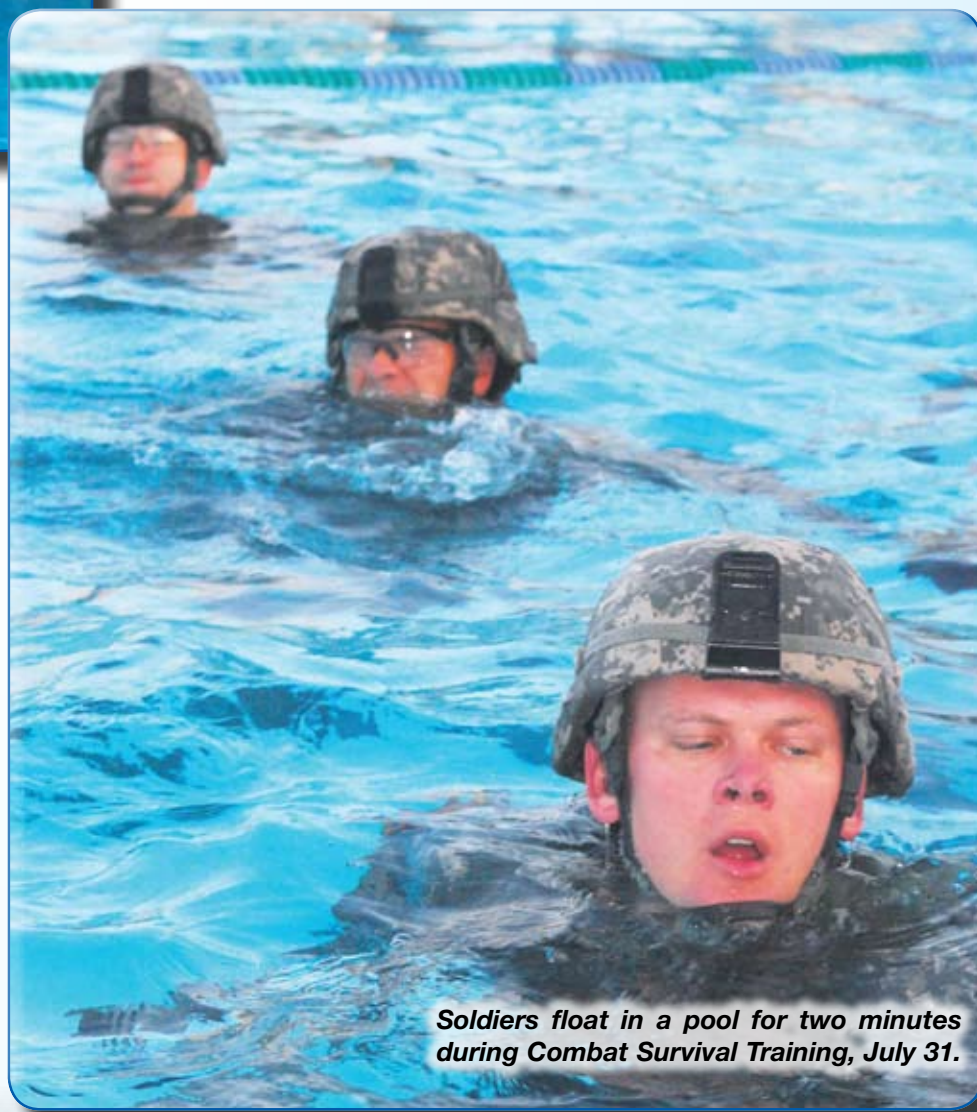
"(The training) is important because you'll never know what situation you will be in - whether it's a rolled over vehicle or someone falls into a ravine," Pfc. Hill said. "So, it's good to have confidence in your equipment, in the ability to act under pressure and get out of your gear and stay in the fight."

Photos by Spc. Amanda McBride

**Captain Robert Gordon, HHC, 4th IBCT company commander, jumps in a pool with a ruck sack during a Combat Water Training, July 31.**



**Specialist Qadree Smith, assigned to HHC, 4th IBCT, swims 25 meters across a pool during Water Survival Training, July 31.**



**Soldiers float in a pool for two minutes during Combat Survival Training, July 31.**



**Soldiers with HHC, 4th IBCT hold their weapons high as they swim 25 meters across a pool during Water Survival Training, July 31.**



# BARRACK'S LIFE: Selfless 'Givers' always needed

**Pfc. Jared S. Eastman**  
*1HBCT Public Affairs*

We’ve all been there, Barracks Rats. It’s five days before the end of the month, the fridge is empty, the cupboards are full of cobwebs save the one solitary package of ramen that’s been there since you arrived, and oddly enough, all your tan shirts were recently purloined from the laundry. Of course, a week ago the daily barracks party took the last few dollars you had. It’s times like these that a gracious battle buddy will step in and get you to the next pay check, but before you go spending that money on much needed gas and breakfast cereals, remember to thank your battle buddy.

It is guaranteed that at one point in your military career you will be one of these two Soldiers: the Giver or the Taker. I’ve been both. In fact, I’m usually the Taker. However, there are occasional moments where the opportunity presents itself, and I’m able to do something for someone. For instance, one of my battles got into a spot of trouble financially, and I happened to have the money to help him.

As the Giver, you have to expect to get ripped off. There is a very finite chance that you will ever get repaid for what you do, be it actions or money. However, the



Giver is the most important job in the Army. From helping a Soldier pack and double-check his or her equipment to driving into Savannah at midnight to pick up a drunk buddy, the Giver is the person that keeps the Army running. No matter how much planning is put into a certain event, Givers are still needed. Of all the Army Values; Selfless Service rings the loudest in their hearts. Most Givers feed off of praise, although they will be the last to accept it.

The Taker is still a core part of the Army, because Soldiers come from all walks of life. Everyone falls on rough times, and

being a Taker is a humbling experience, especially for Soldiers who like to “fill their bags themselves.” The most important thing for Takers is to remember to repay the Giver if possible, whether through materials or through actions. Even a simple “thank you” can make a Giver proud of what he or she has done.

Everyone hits snags in their lifetimes, a blown tire, a ripped uniform, the inevitable ink stain, but everyone must remember what it was like when we were at our lowest, because then we will be more willing to help the Soldier down on his or her luck. The Giver is a fruitless job; what you will get out of it is almost always less intake, but Givers will always be needed in the Army.

# Garrison enforces curfew for Stewart-Hunter youth

**Jennifer Scales**  
*Fort Stewart Public Affairs*

It’s a weekend and your child is enjoying the company of others at either the Youth Center or Teen Center. Maybe he has only taken a walk over to a friend’s home to hang out for a few hours. You have no concern, because you are getting a break for the night. Right?

Not so fast. Your responsibility for the care of your children is ongoing, especially when it comes to the hour of the night your children are not in their homes or under the care of a responsible guardian residing in any of the Stewart/Hunter housing areas.

Curfew may be the word that comes to mind, and it is enforced by Fort Stewart/Hunter Supplement 1 to Army Regulation 608-18. Here is what you need to know about installation curfew based upon the age of your child:

- 11 years or younger (9 p.m. – 6 a.m., inside their home or under the supervision of an adult, 18 years or older)
- 12 to 14 years old (10 p.m. – 6 a.m., inside their home

or under the supervision of an adult, 18 years or older)- 15 to 17 years old (Midnight – 6 a.m., inside their home or under the supervision an adult, 18 years or older)

But there is an EXCEPTION for those 12 to 17 years old to be out after 10 p.m. Chris Maurer, DES Police Investigations chief, noted that the policy does allow some flexibility for those youth, to be out after midnight, only if they are returning home from a community/school function, Youth Services function, employment, or responding to a bona fide emergency.

But your son just wants some chips and a pop from the shoppette, so there couldn't be a crime in that, could there?

Youth must be going directly home from one of the stated provisions, explained Dave Smith, school liaison officer for Stewart/Hunter.

“A stop at an AAFES location, a friend's home or any other detour is not allowed,” Smith said.

And enforcement does bring about consequences for

the offending child, such as appearance at the Juvenile Disciplinary Control Board.


It only takes one incident to make it bad for everyone else. As was the case when a few teens were disrespectful and rowdy to shoppette employees after leaving the Youth Center. To help curb some of these incidents, military police patrols will be more prevalent in the areas.

In the future, a plan may be implemented that has youth departing centers early to ensure their compliance with the curfew. In the event of late trips, notifications to parents and police would become the norm in order to stay on top of the curfew and ensure a safe environment for your child.

As the supplement stipulates, safeguarding children is a parental and guardian responsibility. But if you need help in finding suitable child care, be sure to check with either Child, Youth and School Services at Stewart (767-2312) or Hunter (315-5425) for help in finding assistance.

So the next time you hear or see the clock nearing 10 p.m., you should know where your children are.

## Cottonbalers go 180 days DUI-free



Spc. Amanda McBride

**Third Infantry Division Commanding General Tony Cucolo presents Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 180 Days, DUI and Alcohol Incident Free streamer July 31.**

## We're here to help!

If you or someone you know is experiencing a life-threatening emergency or is attempting to commit suicide, the first response is to call 911. For other urgent mental health concerns, specialists are available:

**During Normal Duty Hours (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.):**

**Fort Stewart Behavioral Health Clinic** (1083 Worcester Avenue, Building 9242): (912) 767-1654

**Fort Stewart Family Life Chaplains:** (912) 767-1814/5409

**Mental Health Community/Military and Family Life Consultants:** (1083 Worcester Avenue, Building 9242): (912) 767-1647

**Family Support Issues/Family Readiness Center,** (191 Lindquist Road, Building 87), (912) 767-5058

**Hunter Army Airfield Tuttle Army Health Clinic** (230 Duncan Drive, Building 1440): (912) 315-4240/6125

**During Non-Duty hours:**

**Winn Army Community Emergency Room,** (1061 Harmon Ave): 911

**On Call Chaplain:** Contact the Division Operations Center (24/7) at (912) 435-9732/9733 to request chaplain assistance for yourself or for someone you believe is depressed and in danger of harming themselves.

**Suicide Prevention Hotline Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)


**Army OneSource Help Line 1-800-342-9647**

Marne Voices Speak Out

August is National Women’s Month. What does Women’s Equality mean to you?


“It means my daughters will have the same opportunities as guys.”

**Brett Anderson**  
*Corps of Engineers*




“For me, it means not being discriminated against, doing what my heart desires just like males..”


**Anekka Holland**  
*AAFES General Managers Office*



“A woman can do just as much as a man. There's no limits to anything.”


**Specialist Marvin Reed**  
*HHD, MP Battalion*






“It helps me grow as a person. Also, it helps me learn about labor and handling equipment that I’ve never used before.”

**Elva Dsdiaz**  
*AFS Facility*



“It allows me to be an independent woman.”

**Melanie Bailey**  
*Army Spouse*



“To achieve the same goals as men, the same level of accomplishment.”

**Sgt. Tiffany Cruickshank**  
*HHC, STB*

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# FAMILY MATTERS

## Preparing Families and Soldiers for deployment

*This campaign from Frontline staff and subject matter experts will provide information regarding deployment preparation for our Soldiers and Families. Throughout the next several months, topics will include: financial services, vehicle storage, Family care, behavioral health, recreational services, and more.*

## Family Readiness Groups: Keeping Families Army strong

**Chester "Beau" Bradley**  
ACS Deployment Specialist

As your Soldier prepares for deployment, what can you do to prepare yourself? As a former Dogface Soldier, I strongly encourage you to participate in your unit's Family Readiness Group.

What exactly is an FRG? An FRG is described as "a command-sponsored organization of Soldiers, Army Civilians, Family Members and volunteers belonging to a unit." FRGs act as an official extension of the unit, providing timely information from the unit, mutual care and concern between the command and the FRG, and assisting Families in solving their problems at the lowest level, helping them to become independent and resilient as they face all types of challenges.

Family Readiness Groups are run by volunteers and Army Spouses, offering support, friendship and essential information to Family Members. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other extended Family Members can also be informed, provided that the Soldier gives their contact information to the FRG Leader. Remember that Single Soldiers can be a part of your FRG as well, and it is important to reach out to their extended Family Members. When a Soldier is confident that his or her Family is taken care of, the Soldier can focus on the mission at hand -- whether the Soldier is deployed, in the field, or at school.

While FRGs are a requirement in accordance with Army Regulation 608-1, Appendix J, it is the volunteers that make this program successful. The structure of your unit's FRG depends on factors such

as the size of the unit, the number of volunteers, and the status of your unit's current deployment cycle. No two FRGs will ever operate exactly the same, but all FRGs share a common goal of supporting Families.

One factor to strongly consider is that the FRG is not just for deployment; your unit's FRG should be operational all year round. The effort toward keeping your FRG running all year long will pay off, particularly when your unit receives deployment orders because your FRG will be informed, ready, and Army strong.

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program provides a wealth of resources to help your unit's FRG, most notably materials from Operation "Ready" (Resources for Educating About Deployment and You)

such as the FRG Handbook and handbooks covering Soldier and Family deployment, deployment support, children and deployment, and the Family Care Team. In addition, ACS Mobilization and Deployment Specialists are available to come to your unit for FRG-related trainings, and to speak to Families about preparing for deployment.

FRGs are a vital resource for Stewart-Hunter Family Members to stay informed as their Soldiers deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan. Our Soldiers have the best equipment, training and leaders, and their Families have the best support network through the FRG program.

To join your unit's Family Readiness Group, contact your unit leadership or call your local Army Community Service at 767-5058/5059 at Fort Stewart) or 315-6916 at Hunter Army Airfield.

## Staying 'sane' during deployments

**Army Community Service**  
Family Advocacy Program

*Knowing that separation during deployment isn't easy, the Frontline will provide weekly "tried and true" ways to help you get through your loved one's absence.*

1. Ask for help when you need it and know that everyone needs it sometimes.
2. Don't overbook yourself just to keep busy. You'll only stress yourself out.
3. Email your Soldier and share how much you love and miss him/her.
4. Be sociable -- avoid sequestering yourself; it'll only bring you down.
5. Plan a fun night out and make enjoying yourself a priority.

## Please share your thoughts!

**Do you have a suggestion on how to stay "sane" while your loved one is deployed? You can include your name or submit an anonymous suggestion to [stewfrontline@conus.army.mil](mailto:stewfrontline@conus.army.mil) with the subject line: "SUPPORT"**

SAFETY

# Prevention Instead of Intervention

## Safety is key to complete missions

**Spc. Lillian A. Bell**  
*Preventive Medicine  
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Warrior Transition Battalion*

Heat Injuries are out there whether you are in garrison or deployed overseas. Soldiers are medically evacuated to Winn Army Community Hospital because of dizziness, fatigue, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and other heat injuries.

As you can see by the chart below, Soldiers can be affected by heat injuries throughout the year— not just in the summer months. In 2007, 41 Soldiers were treated for heat injuries, ranging from dehydration (18 Soldiers), heat exhaustion (18 Soldiers), heat stroke (2 Soldiers) and other symptoms (2 Soldiers). In 2008, 32 Soldiers were treated for heat injuries, again ranging from dehydration (10 Soldiers), heat exhaustion (4 Soldiers), and other heat injury symptoms (26 Soldiers). Through the month of June this year, 17 Soldiers had been treated for heat injuries, again ranging from dehydration (1 Soldier), heat exhaustion (5 Soldiers), and other heat injuries (12 Soldiers). Some Soldiers started out just being dehydrated and their condition worsened leading to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

There are two things that all the data has in common. One, the heat injuries could have been prevented. Two, the heat injuries affected the mission.

When a Soldier suffers from a heat injury, a lot of people can be affected. First, you lose the Soldier suffering from the heat injury. Second, you lose a battle buddy who has to escort the injured Soldier to the medic. Third, the medic will do what he or she can to help treat the heat injury and contact Range Control for a medically evacuation. Then you have to get the Soldier to the hospital.

When you add all these factors in, you lose manpower needed to complete your mission. Heat injuries are a detriment to your mission as a team.

Prevention guarantees you will complete your mission and have all your Soldiers battle ready. It is simple to prevent heat injuries, and here are some examples of what you can do:

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Protect skin from the sun by using hats and sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of water before, during, and after you activities. You need to be urinating every two

hours and your urine should be clear. That way, you know you have been drinking enough.

- Coffee, tea and soda are not fluid replacement drinks; they are diuretics and cause you to urinate more water than what they actually put in.

- Try to do most of your outdoor activities before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

- Call 767-HEAT and follow work/rest cycle chart (see below).

If you experience any heat injury symptoms, go to a shady, cool area immediately. Remove excess clothes and sip water or other fluid replacement drinks.

Seek medical attention immediately if you experience any of the following: hot, dry skin without sweating; confusion or loss of consciousness; frequent vomiting and shortness of breath.

Again, prevention is the key to safety in many aspects. Heat

injuries can start out small (dizziness, dehydration) and end up being a big issue (heat exhaustion/stroke, death).

*Thanks to the staff at Range Control: Dawn Collins, Michael Etheridge and Tony Tellames, for providing data and information for the Heat Injury Stats listed below.*

January 2007- June 2009					
	Other Heat Injury	Dehydration	Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke	Total Heat Injuries
2007	2	18	19	2	41
2008	26	10	4	0	32
2009	12	1	5	0	17

\*for monthly data contact  
[prevention.not.intervention@gmail.com](mailto:prevention.not.intervention@gmail.com)  
\*some injuries started as other or dehydration and led to heat exhaustion.

Work/Rest and Water Consumption Table							
Applies to average sized, heat-acclimated soldier wearing BDU, hot weather. (See TB MED 507 for further guidance.)							
Easy Work		Moderate Work		Hard Work			
• Weapon Maintenance • Walking Hard Surface at 2.5 mph, < 30 lb Load • Marksmanship Training • Drill and Ceremony • Manual of Arms		• Walking Loose Sand at 2.5 mph, No Load • Walking Hard Surface at 3.5 mph, < 40 lb Load • Calisthenics • Patrolling • Individual Movement Techniques, i.e., Low Crawl or High Crawl • Defensive Position Construction		• Walking Hard Surface at 3.5 mph, ≥ 40 lb Load • Walking Loose Sand at 2.5 mph with Load • Field Assaults			
Heat Category	WBGT Index, F°	Easy Work		Moderate Work		Hard Work	
		Work/Rest (min)	Water Intake (qt/hr)	Work/Rest (min)	Water Intake (qt/hr)	Work/Rest (min)	Water Intake (qt/hr)
1	78° - 81.9°	NL	½	NL	¾	40/20 min	¾
2 (GREEN)	82° - 84.9°	NL	¾	50/10 min	¾	30/30 min	1
3 (YELLOW)	85° - 87.9°	NL	¾	40/20 min	¾	30/30 min	1
4 (RED)	88° - 89.9°	NL	¾	30/30 min	¾	20/40 min	1
5 (BLACK)	> 90°	50/10 min	1	20/40 min	1	10/50 min	1

• The work/rest times and fluid replacement volumes will sustain performance and hydration for at least 4 hrs of work in the specified heat category. Fluid needs can vary based on individual differences (± ¼ qt/hr) and exposure to full sun or full shade (± ¼ qt/hr).

• NL = no limit to work time per hr.

• Rest = minimal physical activity (sitting or standing) accomplished in shade if possible.

• CAUTION: Hourly fluid intake should not exceed 1½ qts.


Daily fluid intake should not exceed 12 qts.

• If wearing body armor, add 5°F to WBGT index in humid climates.

• If doing Easy Work and wearing NBC (MOPP 4) clothing, add 10°F to WBGT index.

• If doing Moderate or Hard Work and wearing NBC (MOPP 4) clothing, add 20°F to WBGT index.

For additional copies, contact: U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Health Information Operations Division at (800) 222-9896 or CHPPM - Health Information Operations@apgea.amedd.army.mil.  
For electronic versions, see <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat>. Local reproduction is authorized.  
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# Education Matters

## Post 9-11 GI BILL websites

The Post 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33, is a non-contributory benefit (no up-front payment required by Soldiers) for those who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The Veterans Administration Web site at *www.gibill.va.gov* provides in-depth eligibility information and a link to the on-line application.

Individuals currently eligible for benefits under the Montgomery GI BILL-Active Duty or other similar programs can continue under their program or make the decision to transfer to the Post 9/11 GI Bill. However, that choice is irrevocable so it will not be possible to switch back to the previous VA benefit program. An individual should research the differences by going to: *www.gibill.va.gov/GI\_Bill\_Info/CH33/Benefit\_Comparison\_Chart.htm#911amount* and *http://gibill.va.gov/CH33Estimator*, which calculates the eligible tuition, fees and housing allowance for your zip code.

The most anticipated feature of the Post 9/11 program is the possibility of transferring the benefits to Family Members. However, Army personnel must commit to additional years of service at the time of application. See *www.gibill.va.gov/GI\_Bill\_Info/CH33/Transfer.htm* for eligibility requirements.

To make the transfer, the Soldier must use a common access card and log into *www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB*. The unit career counselor is the certifying official for enlisted personnel. Officers should consult with their appropriate officer branch. When approved, the Family Member completes the VA Form 1990-E on *http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp*. If you have questions after researching these Web sites, call 888-442-4551

(888-GI-BILL-1).

## Free certification available to Soldiers

The pilot Army Vocational/Technical Soldier Program will fund up to \$4,500 to enroll in non-college degree courses that teach skills tailored for in-demand career fields with certification and licensure exams related to those professions. Soldiers and officers serving on active duty, to include National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended active duty, may acquire technical, vocational, or advanced training and re-training.

Several hundred courses are offered for both in-class and on-line programs but must be selected from the schools listed at *www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC\_Program.html* and cannot exceed 18 months. In addition, Soldiers can use the AVOTEC Program to pay for Certification/Licensure.

Registration for this program is available through Sept. 30. All information and enrollment steps can be found at the Web site above. Soldiers must have an active account in GoArmyEd to enroll in AVOTEC. Contact your Army Education Center for access to the GoArmyEd Portal. AVOTEC may be used in conjunction with traditional TA, but the combined cost of both programs cannot exceed \$4,500.

## Funding now available to spouses

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program, "MyCAA" is for all military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve servicemembers worldwide.

This centralized, virtual program provides counseling and funding up to \$6,000, to assist with licensure, certification or education oppor-

tunities leading to portable employment opportunities; trade programs or college degrees, including the Spouse to Teachers initiative. You may use the school of your choice, either selecting classroom or on-line delivery. All on-post and most area schools participate. See the list of our on-post colleges below.

This process is all done on-line and by phone with Military One Source 1-800-342-9647. For complete details and to initiate an account, click on *https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa* (see FAQ's).

## College registration now open

The upcoming Fall I term dates both on-post and distance learning classes are listed below. Some courses are offered during the day. Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information.

Central Texas College – 767-2070/ Hunter Airfield, 315-4090, Aug. 10 - Oct. 3.

Columbia College – 767-5336/ Hunter Army Airfield, 352-8635, Aug. 10 - Oct. 3.

Embry Riddle – 767-3930/ Hunter Army Airfield, 352-5252, Aug. 10 - Oct. 11.

Webster University – 767-5357/ Hunter Army Airfield, 354-0033, Aug. 17 - Oct. 15.

## University of Maryland to visit

A representative from University of Maryland University College will be on hand in the lobby of the education Center at Fort Stewart 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 11 . She will explain the school's distance learning programs and can assist current students with their concerns. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Phyllis McGhee, 706-207-1407 or click on: *www.umuc.edu*.

## Sav Tech information sessions offered

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain their college/certificate/diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different program of study every other Tuesday at 2 p.m., room 206, building 100, Fort Stewart. Upcoming meetings will cover programs offered in Savannah: Welding on Aug. 11 and Aviation on Aug. 25.

Of special interest to Family Members may be the local Technical Communication Specialist certificate, which enables much of the curriculum to transfer to area colleges. Many required courses for Savannah Tech's programs are taught at the Sgt.1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. For more information go to *www.savannahtech.edu* and *www.gsfc.org* or call 408-2430 at Stewart. Also contact the Savannah Tech Campus in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah, 443-5700.



Jessica Obermeyer

# Scholarship awarded

**Fort Stewart Garrison Commander, Col. Kevin Milton (left); Ellie Delaney, Balfour Beatty Communities community manager; and Sgt. Maj. Max Brown, Director of Emergency Services sergeant major, present Rochelle Patterson a \$1,000 Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation scholarship at Southern Oaks Community Center, Aug. 3.**

**Rochelle, who plans to earn a degree in math with a concentration in education, recently graduated from the Bradwell Institute in Hinesville and will attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro in the fall. She said she will use this money, along with the HOPE scholarship and AER funding to pay for her housing and other expenses at GSU.**

**Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation annually awards one-year scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to high school seniors and/or undergraduate students at accredited education or technical institutes. Applicants must be children of an active duty servicemember living in a Balfour Beatty Community.**



FBCT Group seeking Soldiers

First Battle Command Training Group Army Reserve is currently establishing a detachment in the Fort Jackson area and looking for Soldiers to fill our ranks. We offer the opportunities for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, training and leadership skills. We have immediate openings for sergeant through lieutenant colone, Military Occupational Specialties and Branch Immaterial, who want to transfer and make a significant contribution to the readiness of our Army. First BCTG conducts CONUS pre- and post-mobilization computer simulation based Battle Command Staff Training exercises.

We train USAR and ARNG units throughout the southeastern United States in wartime readiness. We offer CONUS mobilization opportunities training and preparing Army Reserve and National Guard units for deployment. Unit benefits include Fragmented Annual Training and opportunities to travel throughout the southeastern United States.

We encourage and support attendance at Army professional development schools.POCs are 1st Sgt. Larry King at (205) 987-8443, extension 4414 or [larry.kingsr@usar.army.mil](mailto:larry.kingsr@usar.army.mil), Capt. John Walker at (205) 444-5208 or [john.r.walker@usar.army.mil](mailto:john.r.walker@usar.army.mil), or Lt. Col. Karlos Parker at (205) 444-5163 or [karlos.parker@usar.army.mil](mailto:karlos.parker@usar.army.mil).

Interim Defense Acquisition Guidebook

The significant policy revisions associated with the re-issuance of DoD Instruction 5000.02 in December 2008 prompted a complete review and revision of the Defense Acquisition Guidebook content. The revised DAG with all the current functionality, and more (including implementation guidance resulting from the Weapon System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009), will be completed and online several months from now. While

STEWART-HUNTER BRIEFS

ROAD CLOSURE

Beginning 7:30 a.m., July 27 until 5 p.m. , Sept. 14, Troupe Gate (Gate #2) traffic will be reduced to one lane. Subject closure is necessary for the demolition and new construction of the Access Control Point. Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed and posted for the closure duration.

Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion and to be alert to changes in traffic patterns around the area.

Call Daryl Jackson, Corps of Engineers, at 767-4725 for more information.

We appreciate your patience during this construction effort.

that task is being completed, DAU’s Web site, <https://acc.dau.mil/dag> provides an Interim DAG with the same business practice and policy content as the final, but with fewer internal and external navigation options.

The objective is to provide you with the information you need to manage your programs while the DAG is made more user friendly. Visit <https://acc.dau.mil/dag> to view the Interim Defense Acquisition Guidebook.

Stewart

East 7th Street permanently closed

East 7th St. between French Road and Niles Ave. is permanently closed due to the construction of the new Soldier Family Assistance Center.

Detour signs and traffic control devices will be

displayed for the duration of the construction. Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion and to be alert to changes in traffic patterns around the area. Call 228-7451 for more information.

Shop of the Marne hosts Open House

Shop of the Marne will host an Open House 5 - 9 p.m., Aug. 21. It is a Back-to-School Blow Out Event and will feature door prizes, drawings, give-aways, new merchandise, discounted merchandise and refreshments. Meet and greet OSC Board Members, browse and shop our unique and handcrafted gift items throughout the store.

All proceeds go to "OSC Ways and Means" for the Fort Stewart Army Scholarship Fund. Everyone is invited to come and shop! Call 767-9268 for more information.

Hunter

Billy Mitchell Boulevard closed

Billy Mitchell Blvd. is closed for construction south of its southernmost entrance to Tominac Fitness Center to its intersection with Hickam Blvd. Billy Mitchell Blvd. is also closed at its intersection with William Barksdale Circle.

Hurricane Awareness Briefing slated

Hunter Army Airfield garrison will conduct a Hurricane/Severe Weather Awareness brief for Soldiers, Family Members, Family Readiness Groups and Department of the Army Civilians, today at Hunter Club, building 6015, from 9 - 10 a.m. For information or to schedule a brief for your FRG, unit or directorate at Hunter Army Airfield, call Leandre Anderson at 315-6904, or Abraham Howell at 315-5686.

Notice of Availability

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
<b>To Construct a Range Operations Control Facility at Fort Stewart, Georgia</b>	<b>To Construct two FY09 Child Development Centers and an FY09 Youth Activities Center at Fort Stewart, Georgia</b>
<p>The Army proposes the construction of a RCOF for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security. Currently, the DPTMS functions in several facilities spread across the Installation, some of which are old, temporary World War II wooden buildings (too damaged for renovations), and separated at great distances from one another. In some buildings, they share space with personnel from other Directorates.</p> <p>This often hinders the support operations, customer service, strategic planning, and designated enabler missions of the DPTMS through the lack of a centralized facility infrastructure. The Army proposes to remedy this situation through consolidation of personnel in newly constructed facilities, dedicated for sole use by DPTMS personnel.</p> <p>The Environmental Assessment of this proposed action, resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from its implementation. A copy of the EA and FNSI will be available for public review from July 31 through August 29, 2009, at the public libraries listed below. All public review comments must be received no later than Aug. 29:</p> <p>Fort Stewart Main Post Library, Bldg.</p>	<p>In support of its child and youth programs, the Army currently operates five child development centers and youth centers on Fort Stewart, Ga. Because of recent growth in the number of Military Families who either reside on or are supported by Fort Stewart, enrollment capacities at each of its current centers has been met or exceeded. Site limitations prevent the Army from expanding its current centers to meet these additional space requirements.</p> <p>Therefore, in order to provide the additional space required, the Army is proposing to build and operate three additional child and youth centers on Fort Stewart. Each new center will cater to the different needs of the three different age groups of children.</p> <p>The Environmental Assessment addresses the potential impacts to environmental and socioeconomic resources. The Environmental Assessment, resulting in a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action.</p> <p>A copy of the Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact will be available for public review from Aug. 3 to Sept. 1 at the public libraries listed below. All public review comments must be</p>
<p>411, 316 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. – closed Sat.-Sun., 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hunter Army Airfield Post Library, Bldg. 1290, 165 Markwell Street, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fri. – Sun., closed</p> <p>Liberty County Public Library, 236 Memorial Drive, Hinesville, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. – Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Mall Branch Library, 7 Mall Annex, Savannah, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. – Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sun., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Request all comments be mailed to the following address:</p> <p>Chief, Environmental Division (Thomas C. Fry) Directorate of Public Works 1550 Frank Cochran Drive, Bldg. 1137 Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314-4927</p>	<p>received no later than Sept. 1.</p> <p>Fort Stewart Main Post Library, Building 411, 316 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri., closed Sat.-Sun., 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hunter Army Airfield Post Library, Building 1290, 165 Markwell Street, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fri. – Sun., closed</p> <p>Liberty County Public Library, 236 Memorial Drive, Hinesville, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. – Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Mall Branch Library, 7 Mall Annex, Savannah, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. – Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Request all comments be mailed to the following address:</p> <p>Chief, Environmental Division (Mr. Thomas C. Fry) Directorate of Public Works 1550 Frank Cochran Drive, Bldg. 1137 Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314-4927</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	Spouses' Clubs host membership drive
<b>For Reclamation and Improvement of 1940s road bed at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort Stewart, Georgia</b>	<p>Calling All Spouses! The Fort Stewart Officer Spouses' Club and Enlisted Spouses' Club are teaming up to recruit new members for 2009 - 2010. If you are looking to meet some great spouses, look no more. Come and join us at Club Stewart for our annual membership drive, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 14. There will be many vendors for all you shoppers, some good food, and lots of fun. Vendor spots are still available. For more information, please contact Adrienne Wildy at 704-0349.</p>
<p>Currently, Soldiers attending the Noncommissioned Officer Academy must use circuitous routes to travel south to training area F-19; however, these routes will hamper efforts to evacuate Soldiers quickly in an emergency. This road will also significantly reduce the Operational Tempo for training scenarios and equipment, thereby producing more time training and less time traveling. Increased training time may better prepare NCOs for their leadership roles and responsibilities. The location best suited for the unpaved training area road will be on the footprint of an old logging road that is currently overgrown and eroded. Ultimately, the road will better serve the Soldiers’ training needs and as NCOs, they may be better prepared to employ the full capabilities of their training.</p> <p>The Environmental Assessment addresses the potential impacts to environmental and socioeconomic resources. The Environmental Assessment, resulting in a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action. A copy of the Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact will be available for public review from July 22 through Aug. 20 at the public libraries listed below. All public review comments</p>	<p>the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Air Medal.</p> <p>His current lay ministry is involved in outreach efforts to help veterans recover emotionally and spiritually from adverse wartime experiences. Clark participates in many community and civic activities. He has addressed many audiences nationwide as a political candidate, public official, and motivational speaker. Clark's autobiography titled, “Wounded Soldier, Healing Warrior” was published in 2007.</p> <p>Military and civilians are welcomed to participate in this free luncheon. Please RSVP by Aug. 20 to Spc. Keith Wilds at 695-4331, or <a href="mailto:keith.wilds@amedd.army.mil">keith.wilds@amedd.army.mil</a>.</p>
<p>must be received no later than Aug. 20.</p> <p>Fort Stewart Main Post Library, building 411, 316 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri., closed Sat.-Sun., 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hunter Army Airfield Post Library, building 1290, 165 Markwell Street, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fri. – Sun., closed</p> <p>Liberty County Public Library, 236 Memorial Drive, Hinesville, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. – Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Mall Branch Library, 7 Mall Annex, Savannah, Ga.</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. – Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Request all comments be mailed to the following address:</p> <p>Chief, Environmental Division (Mr. Thomas C. Fry) Directorate of Public Works 1550 Frank Cochran Drive, Bldg. 1137 Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314-4927</p>	<p><b>WTU sponsors Spiritual Fitness Luncheon with special speaker</b></p> <p><b>Chap. (Maj.) Raymond Koop</b> <i>WTU Chaplain</i></p> <p>The Fort Stewart Warrior Transition Battalion Religious Support Team will host a Spiritual Fitness Luncheon entitled “Strengthening Your Faith in God,” Aug. 27 at the Main Post Chapel Activity Center. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>The guest speaker will be Allen Clark. He is a 1963 graduate of the United States Military Academy. In 1967, he sustained injuries in an early-morning mortar attack at the Dak To Special Forces camp, necessitating the amputation of both legs below his knees. In recognition of his military service and sacrifice, he received a Silver Star for Gallantry in Action, the Purple Heart,</p>



# New library opens outside Hunter's gates

**Kaytrina Curtis**  
*Hunter Army Public Affairs*

A new state-of-the-art library is slated to open in October just outside the gates of Hunter Army Airfield. For the first time in 20 years, a new Chatham County library will open this fall. Servicemembers and their families can soon enjoy the new 50,000 square-foot building located on Rio Road at the Savannah Mall, which brings library services to the southwest region of the city.

Active duty servicemembers and their family members who possess military identification cards can obtain a free library card. They must provide, military ID card, drivers license (if an adult), and proof of residency.

Once open, patrons who enter the first floor of the building will be able to smell the unusual aroma of coffee in the air wafting from the casual reading room. Readers can kick back and enjoy a warm beverage from the coffee bar while they enjoy a good book or magazine.

Youth will be surrounded by foliage in the tree-filled children's department, which offers designated areas for special activities and plenty of room for reading and fun. A large faux tree is located in the

center of the room, complete with branches and leaves. Donors can support new library by purchasing a \$100 gold leaf engraved with the donor's name. Each leaf is then placed on another tree located on a wall, displaying each donor's name.

A large first-floor auditorium can be reserved for special events by the public. Throughout the building, comfortable seating areas and free Wi-Fi are also available.

The second floor features an adult fiction and non-fiction book section, a teen room, a reference section, study lounges and 100 public-computer access areas.

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, now located at the Thunderbolt area library, will relocate to the Savannah Mall branch. Library services are now available in 10 area counties, including Chatham, Effingham and Liberty counties.

Hunter patrons continue to support the installation library.

Even with the possible closure of the Hunter library, patrons continue to flow into the installation facility. Located inside the

Education Building on Hunter, the library has had an increase in usage over the past few weeks. Last week, more than 400 patrons signed up for free computer usage. The library averages 100 patrons a day in search of books, DVDs, CDs and educational materials, such as books on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

The Hunter library falls under Fort Stewart's Hays Library, which enables patrons to request books through the online catalog at the Army Knowledge Online Web site. Once logged onto AKO, patrons can click onto the Self-Service tab. Find My Library tab and the online catalog will be available just clicks away.

Servicemembers and their families will be able to benefit from having a brand new facility just outside the gates of Hunter as well as enjoy the convenience of library services on the installation.

To see more photos of the new library under construction, visit [www.liveoakpl.org](http://www.liveoakpl.org) and see out the photo gallery.



Kaytrina Curtis

**A new state-of-the-art South West Branch of the Live Oak Public Library system is slated to open in October just outside the gates of Hunter Army Airfield.**

# Cadets experience Marne leadership, Soldiering

**Pat Young**  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Learning the ropes of leadership is among the objectives of many Reserve Officer Training Corps and United States Army Military Academy cadets who participate in the 3rd Infantry Division's annual Cadet Troop Leadership Training program held annually at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

Captain David Psiaki, an assistant operations officer with 3rd ID and assistant CTLT coordinator said the CTLT is an Army Wife program where cadets from across the nation are afforded the opportunity to visit installations for professional development and leadership education by spending time in active duty units among Soldiers.

Third Infantry Division Commander Major General Tony Cucolo helped further that goal through a professional development opportunity he shared with more than 80 cadets who participated in this year's CTLT program, July 31 at Club Stewart.

"Hopefully, you have received some exposure to Soldiers during your stay," Maj. Gen. Cucolo said. "I hope that experience was instructive."

The Marne Division Commander shared his thoughts on what he believed were important in leaders, among those points were that leaders should strive to be professional and not make excuses; to do more than expected; anticipate problems and try to handle them themselves if possible. He noted they should take care of their Soldiers and peers, and never lapse in courtesy.

The commander's thoughts and experiences shared by the cadets went a long way toward filling the expectations of many of the cadets participating in the CTLT.

Marry Ann Thomas a USMA cadet from Spartanburg, S.C. said coming to the 3rd ID, she did not know what to expect but always knew she wanted to go active duty in the future.

"I'm excited about graduating. I look forward to going active duty," said Thomas, who worked as an assistant maintenance officer with the 632nd Maintenance Company. "Visiting here, I have developed an appreciation of Soldiers. To see them in action was great."

Captain Psiaki said the cadets leapt into action soon after their arrival, some deploying with the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team for their rotation to NTC, while other to 1st HBCT's Raider Focus. He said each cadet had a sponsor from their respective assigned unit, and learned about what it was to be an Army officer working with Soldiers.

Louis Vega, a cadet from the University of Arizona who is double majoring in political science and business administration, said he expected a very hard-lined atmosphere but upon arrival noticed how professional it was, although the weather took some getting used to.

"I was used to hot weather, but the humidity here leaves you soaking wet. But I've grown fond

of it," Vega added with a smile. "It was a good experience. I'm glad I did it."

The professionalism of Soldiers and noncommissioned was reflected in many of the cadets comments.

"My grandfather, a retired full bird (colonel) went Ordinance, and I wanted to follow him. He gave me expectations that I find is pretty much true, 'NCOs really make things happen,' said 2nd Lt. Anthony Janese, 632nd Maintenance Co. who attended Niagara University.

Working through personnel shortages, details, and deployment preparation, Janese said the professional attitude of the NCOs helped make it happen despite the constant struggle.

Their lieutenant sponsors noted the cadets were quick learners.

"You can tell it is a good learning experience," said 2nd Lt. Jay Williams, 632nd Maintenance who was himself a ROTC graduate.

"They pick it up quickly. It would be nice if they could experience it longer, especially as we are short officers." Williams added with a wry grin.

Although not directly related to the cadets visits, at an early opportunity, July 17, Major Gen. Tony Cucolo recognized Spc. Benjamin Sumser, a medic with 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Division who was presented a full four-year scholarship to Washington State University - Coleman Campus, through the Commander's 'Green to Gold' program; thereby providing him an opportunity to participate in future CTLT programs.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Green to Gold program or Officer Candidate School Programs can learn more by calling Capt. Toni Brown, 3rd Infantry Division Human Resources at (912) 435-9726.



Pat Young

**A group of cadets taking part in the 3rd ID's annual Cadet Troop Leadership Training program share their experiences with each other at Club Stewart, July 31.**

# 87th CSSB officers visit ports in Charleston

**2nd Lt. Derrick Grover**  
*24th Ordnance Company Public Affairs Representative*

Ever wonder how your equipment moves overseas from Fort Stewart?

More than 35 officers from the 87th Combat Service Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade learned firsthand July 30 when they took a staff ride to the Charleston Aerial Port and the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at the Charleston Naval

Station.

The Charleston Aerial Port, located at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., is a primary cargo hub supporting the war, and it is home to the 437th Aerial Port Squadron.

The 87th witnessed firsthand how the 437th flies more than 5,000 tons of cargo per month overseas.

The majority of this cargo goes to Iraq and Afghanistan. They saw the new Weigh-in-Motion Scale that weighs vehicles and determines vehicle dimensions using lasers.

This new system cut a 30-minute

process down to 30 seconds.

"This trip gave insight on the little details with moving freight into theater, whether by air or sea," said Warrant Officer James Mabry, 87th Assistant S-4.

The SDDC is the home of the 841st Transportation Battalion and operates a roll-on, roll-off dock, which is where vehicles drive onto vessels instead of being crane loaded.

They provide hazardous materials training, assist unit movement officers with technical expertise,

and inspect containers for shipment.

The SDDC supports most military bases in the eastern half of the United States.

"It's very interesting how much equipment the Army moves through Charleston," said 1st Lieutenant Carlos Ortiz, 87th S-3. "I never realized the detail that goes into loading vessels."

"It was good to go on this trip," said Cadet Matthew Thimble. "You never really think about how equipment moves overseas."



## LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. Rodney Wayne Broderson II**, Troop C, 6/8 Cav., 4th IBC, 3rd ID, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, please contact 1st Lt. Zonie Daniels IV, Alpha Troop, 6/8 Cav., 4IBCT, 3rd ID, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314; (912) 767-4857.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. Michael G. Bielamowicz**, HHC, 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR (A),

Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact, Capt. Evans, HHC, 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR 9A), Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, phone; (912) 315-7112.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. John A. Lee**, Jr., 26th Brigade Support Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, please contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ronald L. Welch, Company B, 26th BSB, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314 at 610-4012.

## JAG officers program offered

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. This program is open to active duty commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain who wish to attend law school at the government's expense. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Yvonne Caron-10th Floor), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, Va. 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1.

Interested officers should contact Col. Jonathan C. Guden, staff judge advocate, at 767-2374 for more information.

## \$500 REWARD OFFERED

A reward of \$500 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the larceny of four Panasonic, 42-inch plasma televisions, which occurred between April 12 and 13, from a storage cage in building 3012, West

15th St., Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

Anyone with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the Fort

Stewart CID Office, 30th

MP DET (CID), 3rd MP Group (CID), Fort Stewart, Ga. at 767-5030, or the Military Police Desk, Fort Stewart, Ga., 767-4895 or 767-4895. The reward expires April 20, 2010.

Anyone having knowledge of the incident, but not wishing to be identified, will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality.

The payout of cash rewards to military and federal employees for information leading to a conviction is contingent upon exceptional actions regarding the information provided. The reward expires May 29, 2010.



## \$1,000 REWARD OFFERED

A reward of \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for an armed robbery, which occurred Oct. 24, 2008 at building 3004, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

Anyone having knowledge of the incident, but not wishing to be identified, will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality.

The payout of cash rewards to military and federal employees for information leading to a conviction is contingent upon exceptional actions regarding the information provided.

Those with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the U.S. Army CID office located at Fort Stewart, Ga. at 767-5030, or the Military Police Desk, Fort Stewart, Ga. at 767-4895. The reward expires April 20, 2010.



## Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

### Family Boulderling Class @ Corkan Recreation

9 Aug., 5-7 p.m. – Corkan Family Fun Center, Bldg 449

Open to Families who want the challenge and interested in "Boulderling," climbing no higher than 12 feet and moving from side to side. We want to see who can make it across the room, not just to the top. Cost \$3.50 per person per hour. For details, call 767-9884.

### Tominac Summer Basketball Tournament @ HAAF

12 Aug. Sign-up Deadline; Tournament 15 Aug., 10 a.m.

Tominac Fitness Center, Bldg. 919

There's still time to sign up for this single elimination tournament. Cost \$50 per team (maximum 15-player roster). Open to FS & HAAF Active Duty Military, Reserves, Retirees, Family Members (ages 18 & older), DoD Civilians, and civilian guests of military team members. Awards presented to top two teams. For details and registration, call Tominac, 315-2019 and (FS) Newman Fitness Center, Bldg 439, 767-3031.

### Watch Braves vs. Phillies

Sign-up ends 14 Aug.; Trip 15 Aug. – Depart FS for Atlanta

Joins us on a trip to see Atlanta Braves vs Philadelphia Phillies in Atlanta. Bus leaves 10:30 a.m. for 4 p.m. game. Cost \$50 per person, which includes admission and transportation. Details: FS Leisure Travel @ 767-2841.

### The Emerald Princess Casino Ship Trip

14 Aug. Sign-up Deadline; Trip 22 Aug., 5 p.m. – International Waters

Depart 5 p.m. from Stewart Leisure Travel Office, building 443, and leave Brunswick at 7 p.m. for a five-hour Casino Boat Tour in international waters. Try your luck aboard the Emerald Princess II Casino Ship. Cost \$10 (Active Duty) and \$15 (Adults). Cost includes transportation, ship reservation, and a light dinner. 767-2841

### Boating Safety Class @ FS

15 Aug., 9:30 a.m.

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center, Bldg 8325

Boater Safety Class is a requirement to rent all types of boats or canoes from Equipment Checkout Center. Free class covers operations, regulations, rules of the road, trailer hookup, tide charts, and more. For details, call 435-8205 / 8209.

### All Ladies Climbing Class @ Corkan Recreation

16 Aug., 5:30 -7:30 p.m. – Cypress Family Fun Center, Bldg 449

Ladies, come on out with your friends and learn basics of climbing. We'll teach you how to climb and belay. Wear comfortable clothing, good tennis shoes and don't forget to do your stretches before you come. Cost \$3.50 per lady. 767-9884

### Offshore Charter Fishing Tournament Free for Soldiers

Sign-up Begins 17 Aug.; Tournament 19 Sept. – Sail out of Fort McAllister Marina Offshore Outlaw, a blue water fishing club out of Fort McAllister Marina, offering Soldiers an opportunity to participate in an offshore charter fishing tournament. Equipment and tackle provided by boat owners. Soldiers need only to provide personal lunch and drinks. Sign-up open until all slots filled. Attendance mandatory at captain's meeting 6 p.m. 18 Sept. Tournament begins 7 a.m. 19 Sept. For details and to sign up, call Stewart/Hunter: Outdoor Recreation 767-8205 / 315-9554, Pass & Permit 435-8061 / 315-5163, and Leisure Travel Office 767-8609 / 315-3674.

### "Army Wives" Author to Speak @ FS

20 Aug., 7 p.m. – George P. Hays Library, Bldg. 411

Tanya Biank, author of nonfiction book "Army Wives" – on which hit cable television series of the same name is based – will speak at Book Club Meeting for Adults. Space is limited, so those who wish to attend are asked to pick up a ticket at Hays Library while seats are available. Book Club Meeting for Adults gives participants an opportunity to be introduced to new authors and take part in book discussions. Books provided for club members' use. 767-2828

### 2009 Taylors Creek Golf Course Annual Club Championship

20 Aug. Sign-up Deadline; Championship 22-23 Aug.

Taylors Creek Golf Course, Bldg 2150

This 36-hole stroke play competition will determine the Taylors Creek champion. Five Divisions: ladies, junior, senior (ages 50-64), super senior (ages 65 & older), and open. Trophies awarded to top finishers in each division. Fees: \$60 (Hunter & Taylors Creek Golf Club members), \$70 (Active Duty, Retirees, DoD Civilians), and \$80 (civilian guests). Fees include greens and golf car fees and trophies. 767-2370



# Soldiers test endurance during 18-mile road march

**Spc. Amanda McBride**  
4th IBCT Public Affairs

In an effort to test skills and endurance, infantrymen from 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, took part in the battalion's China Dragon, July 30.

Throughout the week, Soldiers from every company within the battalion laced up their boots and participated in the three-phase training exercise.

The China Dragon consisted of an 18-mile road march, an air assault and advanced rifle marksmanship with M4s, M249s and M240 Bravos.

Lieutenant Colonel Shoemaker, said this type of training supports the command message for 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry.

"The 3/15th Inf. is a running, fighting light infantry task force that is disciplined and prepared to take the fight to the enemy," Lt. Col. Shoemaker said.

Soldiers kicked off the event at the battalion area and made their way through sand, dirt and water to the pickup zone to get familiarization with conducting an air assault.

"This training will develop the ability for our Soldiers to move farther and faster on foot," Lt. Col. Shoemaker continued.

Throughout the road march, Soldiers came together as a team to push each other in order to finish the march.

"The more painful something is, the closer the bond. I noticed a lot of bonding going on last night during the march because everyone hits that point eventually where they need somebody to slap them on the back and say keep going," said Cpl. Jackson Brady, assigned to Company D.

As the battalion continues its transition from an armored battalion to a light infantry battalion, this training is showing what an infantry unit could endure during a deployment.

"3/15 Inf. right now is in an interesting situation" said Capt. Andrew Betson, Headquarters, Headquarters company commander. "We've transitioned from being (4th Battalion, 64th Armor), which was a combined arms maneuvered battalion, to being 3/15 Inf., which is a light infantry battalion."

Corporal Brady said training exercises like this will help to train Soldiers for the brigade's next deployment.

"Especially, if we end up going to Afghanistan, this is exactly what we will be doing," Cpl. Brady said. "Walking great distances, riding on helicopters, and shooting things at the end of it."

As Soldiers from the China Battalion completed the weeklong training, its Soldiers are preparing for the unit's next planned training exercises.

"The battalion will travel to North Georgia (this month) to conduct the China Mile," Lt. Col. Shoemaker said. "The China Mile is a three-day movement in the mountains to cover approximately 50 to 60 miles on foot."



Photos by Spc. Amanda McBride

**Soldiers assigned to 3/15 Inf. pull security after exiting a CH-47 Chinook during an air assault, July 30.**



**Soldiers from 3/15 Inf. participate in the battalion's China Dragon, a three-phase training exercise, July 30.**

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for stray animals  
767-4895 on Stewart  
or 315-6133 on Hunter**





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“Basically, what happens is that ETS date or retirement date is adjusted to the end of the deployment, or (rather) the end of the 60-day post-deployment stabilization period,” Lt. Col. Aiton said. “There are specific exceptions and exemptions to stop-loss, and those are outlined in the guidance that we receive from the Army’s human resources command.”

Lieutenant Colonel Aiton said those Soldiers and officers who are affected by stop-loss and want to inquire about

exemptions should discuss it with their chain of command or S1. He explained that the stop-loss program takes effect 90 days prior to an individual or unit’s deployment and remains in effect until 60 days after the Soldier or unit returns. This “lock-in” period allows the unit commander to clearly understand his or her unit’s strength for a total of 17 months, he said.

“Stop-loss will end for the entire Army on the first of January 2010,” he said. “What the Army has done to pro-

vide incentives to Soldiers who may be considering separating vice deploying is provide some monetary incentives. That program is called the Deployment Extension Incentives Pay Program, and it’s geared toward Soldiers who would have ETS’d during the deployment period. It’s designed to encourage them to extend for the period of the deployment, and it provides them a monthly monetary incentive to do that. Soldiers who are interested in this program should contact their unit career coun-

selors, who can advise them about the program, about the exact dollar amount and about how they can apply.”

Lieutenant Colonel Aiton reiterated that stop-loss is a tool for commanders to use that stabilizes their unit strength during the period of deployment. It was put in place to balance the effectiveness of the Army and assist unit commanders, including 3rd Infantry Division, which will begin re-deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan within 90 days.

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“Many combat veterans carry invisible scars of combat. However, those who carry the Purple Heart bare a clearly visible sign of combat,” said Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander.

Major General Cucolo also said that those who have received the Purple Heart all have their own story to tell, for all Soldiers to learn from, and that Staff Sgt. Gorsuch’s story would no doubt include Sgt. William Allmon, 1/64th Armor, who was killed in the same explosion in which Staff Sgt. Gorsuch suffered his injuries.

Sergeant Allmon’s mother, Donna Douglas was present at Staff Sgt. Gorsuch’s pinning and stayed by his side while Family, Soldiers, and all welcomed to the ceremony came to thank both of them for their service and sacrifices.

“It is hard to explain how or what it means to receive the Purple Heart,” said

Staff Sgt. Gorsuch. “It is not something one desires to bare, but it is something that everyone respects.”

Staff Sergeant Gorsuch said that it has been difficult at times while recovering from his injuries, but that his wife, Holly, has been at his side to help him recover.

“She’s been crucial in helping me, whether it is just helping me get around, dealing with sometimes severe headaches, or helping me get used to large crowds; she has been by my side,” said Staff Sgt. Gorsuch.

“The Purple Heart is never earned it is entitled... every child knows growing up of two medals, the Medal of Honor and, of course, the Purple Heart as a symbol of those that gave more for the nation, and in the eyes of a Soldier it is a symbol of so much more,” said Lt. Col. Ross Coffman, commander, 1/64th Armor.



Pfc. Gregory Gieske

**After being wounded in combat, Staff Sgt. Thomas Gorsuch 1/64 Armor, 2HBCT, 3rd ID, is recognized for his bravery as he is presented the Purple Heart and certificate by Maj. General Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID Commander at Marne Garden, July 27.**

# Hunter meets with local civic leaders



Kaytrina Curtis

**Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar, speaks with Bert Tenenbaum, president of Chatham Steel Corporation after a Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Hunter Club, July 29.**

**The goal of the SMAC is to meet and work closely with the area military units on Fort Stewart-Hunter.**

**Brigadier General Thomas Vandal, deputy commanding general (support), said the meeting was a great exchange of information sharing.**

**“It was an opportunity to bring in the new commanders and have them provide information to the surrounding business and civic leaders in the Savannah area,” Brig. Gen. Vandal said. “We get to know and develop those bonds and friendships that are so absolutely critical during times of need.”**

**Many of those present expressed the hope that more SMAC meetings will proceed at regular intervals in the near future.**



# 5/7 Cav trains to clear buildings

**Pfc. Jared S. Eastman**  
*1st HBCT Public Affairs*

The Soldiers were set, breathing lightly in the summer heat outside the Military Operations in Urban Terrain site. The two squads were stacked up, ready to infiltrate the building and take out any insurgents that appear. Inside, in unknown locations, four mock-insurgents wait, their uniforms stripped of patch and flag, forcing the infiltrating Soldiers to think quickly and pay attention to detail as they clear each room. The team leader motions for the first squad to move in; they kick open the front door and move into the building.

The first is empty, and as the squad prepares to take the intersection, shots ring out as paint blasts the wall next to them, narrowly missing the lead Soldier. The Soldier pokes his rifle around the corner and fires a few rounds, inaccurately, but enough to force the two mock-insurgents into the next room.

Finally, the entire downstairs is clear with one Soldier injured, paint sticking to his glove as the noncommis-sioned officer in charge calls him out from the catwalk above. After verifying the team's status, the leader stacks them up on a door leading to the staircase, a dark and steep incline that is open on almost every possible side. A bead of sweat drops from the lead Soldier's chin to his rifle as he prepares to enter a room with unknown obstacles and threats.

Although not relieved from their current Consequent Management Response Force mission until October, Soldiers of 5th Squadron, 7th Calvary Regiment are already knee deep in training for deployment. The Crazy Horse Troop of 5/7 Cavalry conducted MOUT training, July 21 on Fort Stewart as part of this change in mission focus, along with 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery later that week.

"We are honing individual skills and taking it to the graduate stage by doing collective training in an urban environment then you add the dimension of using live munitions," said Lt. Col. Kirk Dorr, 5/7 Cav. commander. "It really comes together to make an intense training for our Soldiers."

The Soldiers had been out at the shoot house since 6 a.m. the day before.

"Within the last 48 hours out here, we have come a long way," said Capt. Nathan Whitlock. "These guys have gotten several hundred iterations of what we have been doing out here. The Soldiers have improved amazingly; they've increased on tempo and confidence and have been able to do complex scenarios against fire-no fire scenarios with civilians and militant targets. Now they are executing full live-fire scenarios."

But the real force-multiplier in this training was the

Close Combat Mission Capabilities Kit, which is essentially a paintball system that uses the M4 and a special bolt so Soldiers can train against other Soldiers. The CCMCK was fielded to Army units on June 26 to give leaders another training method to make their Soldiers and themselves a better fighting force.

"One of the things that make this training so effective is the use of simulation munitions," said Lt. Col. Dorr. "It is a paintball system adapted for the M4, which allows for force on force engagements between Soldiers. Giving the training a realistic, human-to-human conflict angle, which is another step up from your one-dimen-sional picture target. It's a fantastic system the Army has resourced to take us to the next level."

MOUT training has evolved as the battlefield has changed, especially in the risk a team of Soldiers take when entering a building.

"The Soldiers are doing well," said Sgt. 1st Class Erik Carlson, platoon sergeant in 5/7 Crazy Horse Troop. "We just started practicing in the last week or so, and they are progressing at a good pace. This is a good live-fire, all munitions facility. There are some facilities on Fort Stewart that I would much rather use, but we cannot shoot live ammunition at those sites. On today's battlefield, we have to assume a lot more risks when entering a room. Because of civilian considerations, we can't just prep the room with a frag grenade, and so it is important to be prepared."

The training was effective for both leaders and Soldiers.

"The Soldiers have been progressing very well throughout the training," said Cpl. Brett Quinzon, 5/7 Crazy Horse Troop Scout. "My team could still work on communication a little bit, but we move very well as a team."

The Soldiers rush into the stairwell, firing their weapons with precision, even though their gloves are sweaty and their vision fogged. The mock-insurgents retreat further into the building, using the doorways to take pot shots at the Soldiers as they move tactically forward, watching one another's backs as they press the mock-insurgents into the last room. After a moment of silence, the room explodes with the sound of bolts recharging as paint

flies thick in either direction. In the end, the Soldiers still stand, and as they help the mock-insurgents up and help them put their patches back on, there are many whispered oaths of revenge in the next round, when the tables are turned. Although the training was full of good-natured rivalry, the training was paramount in the Soldiers' transition from peacekeeper to warrior as the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team shifts their focus toward deployment operations.



Pfc. Jared Eastman

**Soldiers of 5/7 Cavalry, Crazy Horse Troop, stack up to enter a room, July 21, at a shoot house on Fort Stewart. The Soldiers conducted two days of training with various exercises ranging from live fire to CCMCK paintball rounds.**



## Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield

# Safety First

## Back to School Safety Tips

### Riding the Bus

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.

*Remember these safety tips:*


- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

### Walking, Biking to School

Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself. Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decision-making situations and dangers while walking to and from school.

*Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:*

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard. Never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walk with a buddy.
- Wear reflective material. It makes you more visible to street traffic.



### Riding in a Car

You might have heard before that most traffic crashes occur close to home. They do. Safety belts are the best form of protection passengers have in the event of a crash. They can lower your risk of injury by 45 percent. You are four times more likely to be seriously injured or killed if ejected from the vehicle in a crash. Everyone needs to be buckled up properly. That means older kids in seat belts, younger kids in booster seats and little kids in child safety seats.



# 87th CSSB supports fellow Soldiers

## **Spc. Gaelen Lowers**

*3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs*

Fort Stewart, Ga. is comprised of five different brigades, each of which is fully functional and capable of accomplishing the mission no matter the task. If one brigade sees an opportunity to help out fellow Soldiers in other brigades, they take the initiative to do so.

This is precisely what the Soldiers in the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade are doing while 1st Brigade Combat Team begins Raider Focus.

Raider Focus is a monthlong training performed by the 1 HBCT in order to stay proficient in their tasks and drills. During this training, the Soldiers from the 632nd Maintenance Company, 226th Quartermaster Company, and the 24th Ordnance Company, all part of the 87th CSSB, 3rd Sustainment Bde., is providing bulk and potable water, fuel, medical supplies and other general logistical support to the Raider Soldiers.

“(The 1HBCT) needs to focus on the mission at hand, whatever it may be, and we’re here to provide support, just like we would in theater, providing support to anyone that needs it,” said Sgt. Jason Manwarren, 632nd Maint.

Co. and convoy commander for the mission. “This is something we’ve picked up by supporting the (2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team) and now we are supporting 1st Brigade as well. We are doing things that they can’t do for themselves as easily as we can. (The 3rd Sustainment Bde.) is a support unit, and I think people are just starting to realize that.”

Back in May, Soldiers from the 87th CSSB supported 2HBCT during Spartan Focus, and they were moved throughout the base and reached 1HBCT in time for their mission, said Sgt. Manwarren.

“They all like what we do,” said Sgt. Manwarren. “The 2nd BCT liked it, and I know that 1st BCT really appreciates our help. That’s what we’re here for. We’re getting out there to do what we can to help everyone.”

The 3rd Sustainment Bde. and its subordinate battalions are well-equipped to handle this type of mission, said Spc. Christopher Pass, 632nd Maint. Co.

The battalion has most of its own equipment and Soldiers that are trained and adept in these tasks.

“We’re in the 3rd Sustainment Bde., and we help out anyone in need,” he said. “We give them that extra support for the Soldiers.”

Specialist Richard Stringfellow, 632nd Maint. Co., echoed those sentiments by praising his team and the great work they accomplish.

“Of course we’re the best support battalion, that’s what we do,” he said. “We’re just that good. They like what we do and we do it well.”



Spc. Gaelen Lowers

**Sergeant Heng Nhong and Spc. Latoya Crook, both of the 226th QM Co., 87th CSSB, 3rd Sustainment Bde., perform a refueling mission during 1st HBCT’s Raider Focus, July 31.**